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1. (C) Latvia appreciates US leadership in attempting to bring Russia back into the CFE while not caving to Russian demands to make decisions on the Baltics prior to entry into force of the adapted treaty. That was the main message from Ieva Jirgensone, acting head of the arms control division at the MFA, upon receipt of ref A points. She was also very interested in our proposals on Georgia, which she found creative. Of course her greatest interest was in what was said about the Baltics, which we explained by drawing from ref B's more detailed readout. We reaffirmed A/S Fried's pledge from his October 2007 visit of "nothing about you without you," which Jirgensone appreciated. She said the current parallel action plan remains a "red line" for Latvia, absent progress by Russia on its Istanbul commitments and resuming implementation of the current treaty.  
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